



ERLANGER Trauma Services Newsletter

THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF TRAUMA CARE. PERIOD.



ERLANGER HEALTH SYSTEM'S 8th Annual Trauma Symposium was a Rousing Success!

This year's event was held June 4th and 5th at the Chattanooga Convention Center. It was expanded to two days and included a Core Concepts of Trauma Cadaver Lab on Day 1 and Critical Care Conference Presentations on Day 2.

Participants in the Cadaver Lab on Day 1 expressed excitement and enthusiasm for this new learning opportunity:

"Great learning experience; great conference."

"Outstanding Day! Best yet!"

"Please bring back cadaver lab! Much Needed."

Dr. Kimberly Manning, the Keynote Speaker, gave an inspiring lecture: *The Patient as Our Teacher – A Humanistic Approach to the Critically Ill*. Other experts spoke from Erlanger Health Systems, Erlanger Children's Hospital, Emory University Hospital, and Joseph M. Still Burn Center.

Praise for the lecture day included:

"Kimberly Manning was excellent! Enjoyed her lecture greatly. I would love to hear her again in the future."

"Dr. Mendiratta was amazing to listen to. He should do a lot of Erlanger's talks."

"This was a great learning experience!"

A total of 13 educational contact hours were provided for physicians, nurses, paramedics, and other licensed personnel for full conference attendance. There was record breaking enrollment in the 2015 symposium with 128 individuals attending the Day 1 Cadaver Lab and 230 attending the lectures on Day 2. In addition, the 8th Annual Trauma Symposium was supported by 29 vendors including medical equipment suppliers, partner agencies/facilities and area educators.

SAVE THE DATE Erlanger's 9th Annual Trauma Symposium

- June 9th & 10th, 2016 in Chattanooga
- Biggest cadaver lab experience yet!
- Accepting Soon: Speaker proposals/applications for next year's conference
- Stay tuned for more details

ERLANGER TRAUMA

LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER

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24/7

HIGH LEVEL
OF CARE



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to Erlanger Hospital, call the

**TRANSFER CENTER
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You will be connected with the
trauma surgeon to report on
your patient. Transfers can be
accomplished with a single call!



Lori Neal Lectures in New Orleans

In June 2015, Lori Neal, MSN, ACNPBC, FNP-BC, of Erlanger Trauma Services, lectured at the American Association of Nurse Practitioner's National Conference in New Orleans, LA, on The Use of ECMO to Treat ARDS in a Patient with a Traumatic Brain Injury. Over 5,000 Nurse Practitioners were present at the weeklong event.



The American Association of Nurse Practitioners represents the interest of more than 205,000 Nurse Practitioners in the United States.

Jill Sadler Receives the 2015 Allan Jackson Service Award

This award is given in memory of Allan Jackson, RN, BSN to a trauma care provider who goes beyond the call of duty to enhance care of the trauma patient at Erlanger, the region's only Level I Trauma Center.

Allan was an exceptional nurse, teacher, leader, and friend who died of renal cancer in February 2009 at 39 years old. The award has been presented to Erlanger employees who embody the same traits and dedication to improving the health of trauma patients as Allan did. Past winners are: Lee Dickerson, PTA, Physical Therapy (2009); Kathy Bohr, RN, TICU (2010), Diane Knight, RT, Respiratory Therapy (2011), Carol Owens, RN 6th Floor (2012), Nancy Sherrill, RD, LDN, CNSC, Nutrition Support (2013), and Jennifer Cox O'Neal, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, Trauma Nurse Practitioner, Trauma Services (2014).

The 2015 Allan Jackson Service Award recipient is Jill Sadler, RN, TICU. She demonstrates a dedication to her patients that her co-workers have described as "unparalleled." Jill maintains multiple certifications including ECMO and CRRT. Her peers recognize Jill's positive attitude, leadership abilities, and ability to foster less experienced nurses. Per her nomination form, "Jill is the bedside nurse we should all strive to be."

Monica Smith Recognized by Trauma Services

Monica Smith, BS-MT, MBA, Core Manager was recognized by the Trauma Services Department at the 8th Annual Trauma Symposium for her many years of dedication to the Trauma Program. She has played a key role in development and implementation of the Massive Transfusion Protocol, assisting with research projects and the lab component of survey readiness.





Specialized trauma nurses and nurse practitioners provide the most complex and highly specialized trauma care 24/7.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAUMA SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Advanced Trauma Life Support

The Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS®) program teaches a systematic, concise approach to the care of a trauma patient. ATLS was developed by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma (COT) and was first introduced in the US and abroad in 1980. Its courses provide a safe and reliable method for immediate management of injured patients. The course teaches how to assess a patient's condition, resuscitate and stabilize him or her, and determine if his or her needs exceed a facility's capacity. It also covers how to arrange for a patient's inter-hospital transfer and assure that optimum care is provided throughout the process. If you don't treat trauma patients frequently, an ATLS course provides an easy method to remember for evaluation and treatment of a trauma victim.

2016 Erlanger ATLS Course Dates will be listed on the American College of Surgeon ATLS website after January 2016.

For more information contact Sarah Collins at (423) 778-3656 or sarah.collins@erlanger.org.

Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses

Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) is an advanced course designed for the registered nurse interested in increasing his/her knowledge in management of the multiple trauma patient. The ATCN course is taught concurrently with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS). The ATCN program has been operational for over 15 years and has an excellent record of offering a superb trauma educational program, and maintaining a positive collaboration with the ACS Committee on Trauma State Chapters.

2016 Erlanger ATCN course dates will coincide with the Erlanger ATLS course dates.

For more information contact Sandy Wolfe at (423) 778-6705 or sandy.wolfe@erlanger.org.

Rural Trauma Team Development Course

Erlanger Trauma Services has a new class entitled Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC). This course can be brought to any facility to help train your team in trauma resuscitation and transfer to definitive care at a cost of \$30 per person.

RTTDC Objectives are to improve care of the rural trauma patient by:

- Establishing a trauma team using personnel and resources available at a facility
- Developing a team approach to trauma resuscitation, stabilization and prompt transfer
- Identifying key factors in organizing and preparing resuscitation area and equipment

If your facility is interested in scheduling an RTTDC class, contact Regena J. Young, RN, BSN, Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator at (423) 778-5620 or regena.young@erlanger.org.

TRAUMA PROVIDERS

TRAUMA & ACUTE CARE SURGERY (ACS) SURGEONS

- Donald E. Barker, MD, FACS
- Benjamin W. Dart IV, MD, FACS
- Darren Hunt, MD
- Robert A. Maxwell, MD, FACS
- Vicente A. Mejia, MD, FACS
- Phillip W. Smith, MD, FACS

ORTHOPEDIC TRAUMA SURGEONS

- Warren Gardner, MD
- Dirk Kiner, MD
- Peter J. Nowotarski, MD
- Jesse Doty, MD
- Richard Chapman, PA-C



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Rural Trauma Team Development Course

On August 13, 2015, Erlanger Trauma Services taught its first Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) in Athens, TN at Starr Regional Medical Center – Athens.

Erlanger Trauma Services feels RTTDC is an excellent program to provide Regional Trauma System partners because it helps prepare rural facilities for providing appropriate care of the trauma patient including rapid assessment and decision to transfer to a definitive level of care based on patient needs.

Nineteen attendees, coming from as far away as Kentucky, took the inaugural RTTDC class, including paramedics, EMTs, nurses, ER techs, and a physician.

The RTTDC class received positive feedback from all that participated including the following comments:

"Great class! A+ topics," and

"Great instructors; loved Dr. Barker!"

Faculty for the course included, Donald Barker, MD, Course Director, Regena J. Young, RN, BSN, Course Coordinator, Chris Bell, MD, Angela Basham-Saif, RN, BSN, Jason Clark, CCEMT-P, and Stacy Prater, CCEMT-P.

Erlanger Trauma Services presented Starr Regional Medical Center – Athens with a plaque expressing appreciation for their participation as a partner in the Erlanger Health System Regional Trauma System.

Erlanger Trauma Services has additional RTTDC classes scheduled during 2016 with other Regional Trauma System partners and plans to continue to offer this course four to six times per year.

Are you interested in attending an RTTDC?

Would your facility or organization like to schedule an RTTDC class?

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to find out how.

